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New Year's Resolutions

NEW YEAR'S resolutions! One day in 365 to devote to turning over a new leaf.

Are we so flawless that we need no more?

We would do mankind and ourselves a better turn if we would devote more days to repentance.

How many more? Each one must decide for himself.

People are pretty practical though, aren't they? Do many really wait for New Year's day to "turn over a new leaf"? Most people turn the leaf over as often as they find they must to relieve the pressure and the pain of poor ways of doing things, don't they!

Is it likely that more people more often and with great zest would try to improve their ways of living, if they knew that the principle of repentance is a glorious liberator?

The misfortune of many people is that they do not recognise repentance as man's great, good friend and emancipator.

Some enemy back in the bleak ages of mankind's career deceived us into having subtle, sub-conscious feelings of resentment and associations of shame and guilt as the dominant connotations of repentance. The deceptions consist in arresting us with these as the dominant and often the only connotations. It is diabolical deception because it damns most people to shun repentance as they would a plague.

The whole truth is that repentance is one of man's best friends and greatest blessings. It is true that repentance begins with strong feelings of dissatisfaction, often amounting to revulsion, for the habit or condition which brings shame, remorse and feelings of guilt. The timid, and the immature, the deceived, thinking this is the essence of repentance, resort to all sorts of contortions, often suffering the tortures of the damned to run away from repentance. How the Devil must laugh at their plight as he witnesses the results of his deception!

The truth is, repentance is more than "sorrow for sin". It is also "doing works mete for repentance". Therein is the escape to freedom.

To earn the full benefit of this glorious principle of the Gospel, we must apply it completely. People who are driven away from repentance by their discomfort from a sense of guilt and remorse need to experience the great elation associated with "overcoming" and "casting off" the shackles of habits and attitudes which have damned them.

The sense of victory, freedom, strength, cleanness, brightness and beauty is worth all it costs in effort to escape.

The whole connotation of repentance then includes *first* the "sorrow for sin", by which enough resolution is generated to rebuke the destroyer, cast him out and turn away irrevocably and for ever from the damaging ways of life which will eventually destroy us, and *second*, "doing works mete for repentance", by embracing the better way, making restitution for harm done by all appropriate repairing, building and restoring of the way of life which leads to salvation. This is the land of freedom, strength, health, beauty and wholeness, holiness. This is the way to glory, immortality and eternal life.

Repentance is the road of escape from deterioration and destruction—the highway to freedom.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

British Mission Hymn Book, p. 158

January : "*While of these Emblems we Partake*", by John Nicholson—
Alexander Schreiner

This sacramental hymn is sung with sincere thought and reverence. It brings a message of the suffering of our Lord and Saviour.

The words are famous and well known. They have been used for many years as Sacrament Gems in Sunday School and have been recited countless times by thousands of people. By now they should have been thoroughly memorised.

The hymn is set to a tune by Alexander Schreiner. It is reverential, solemn, stately. As the hymn is sung, observe how the expressive music emphasises the words. Together they blend into quiet, reflective moments of worship and prepare us to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with understanding and thanksgiving.

COVER

THE TEMPLE AT NEWCHAPEL

THE cover is a reproduction designed by the Church Architect's Department showing the Temple as it is to be constructed at Newchapel, Surrey. One is able to see the relationship of this building to Newchapel House, the stables, and the genealogical building. The spacious gardens are only a part of the estate purchased by the Church and most of the landscaping is as it now stands.

August 10th, 1953, the ground upon which this structure will stand was dedicated by President David O. McKay.

Newchapel Estate is only one of the properties owned by the Church in Great Britain. February issue of the *Millennial Star* will begin a series of articles describing other Church-owned buildings in Great Britain.



James R. Cunningham, A. Hamer Reiser, Stephen R. Covey

The Mission Presidency Greets You

OUR heartfelt New Year greetings to all of you! May the year 1955 be the best in your life to date!

And may we suggest a symbol to brighten your life by this year?

Newchapel is a beautiful, a lovely place, of most interesting possibilities. It has peace and dignity and the grandeur of nature's many charms. Its trees, shrubs, flowers, birds, buildings are a constant succession of delights in all seasons of the year, rain or shine.

Yet Newchapel can and will be even more beautiful and more inspirational. Weeds grow there in special profusion, in most tenacious competition with the flowers. Blights and botanical parasites and diseases are a never-ceasing threat. Unending effort, time and expense must be invested to defeat the ravishes of the destroyer.

Everybody is like lovely Newchapel.

May the year 1955 help us all well along toward victory in keeping beauty, truth and inspiration uppermost in our lives and in staying the hand of the destroyer.

Sincerely,

THE MISSION PRESIDENCY

DEDICATORY PRAYER

*Prayer spoken by President Stephen L Richards, Saturday, November 13th, 1954,
at the laying of the corner-stone of the Swiss Temple at Berne.*

O GOD, the Eternal Father, thou who art the Begetter of the our spirits, the Ruler of the Universe, the Designer of our lives, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift, we come before thee in the humility of prayer. Thou knowest the occasion for our assembly and our rejoicing. Thou hast witnessed the beginnings of the noble structure which thy Church resolved to erect to thy Holy Name as a House of the Lord. Thou seest that this day the corner-stone of the House is laid, symbolic of the completion of the foundations and of the high promise of completion for the great and glorious purpose it is to subserve in thy Holy work of the latter days. As we meet to tender to thee this token of our gift to come, there wells up within our hearts praise and thanksgiving for all the providential circumstances which have brought this blessed day to us.

We thank thee for the sacred history of thy Restored Church, with all its sorrows and its joys, its drivings, its hardships, its triumphs and successes. We thank thee for the lessons of life thou hast taught us, for the understanding and truth thou hast implanted in our hearts.

We thank thee for him whom thou didst choose to initiate thy work in this dispensation, even the Prophet Joseph Smith. We thank

thee for the simplicity and firmness of his faith, for the susceptibility of his youthful, unspoiled nature to the spiritual manifestations which came from thee to him, and for the divine truths and holy principles committed to his custody for the guidance and direction and the ultimate exaltation of the whole family of God in the earth.

We thank thee that this servant of thine was commissioned by thee to restore to the earth the Holy Gospel of thine Only Begotten Son, with all its graces, ordinances, powers and keys, and the authority to re-establish thy Church and Kingdom in the earth, never again to be torn down, but to go forth from generation to generation until thy Kingdom shall again come to the personal presidency of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. O God, we honour, praise and venerate the name and memory of thy martyred Prophet Joseph Smith.

Gratitude for Leaders

We thank thee, our Father, for the good men tried and true who have succeeded in the presidency of thy Church. We know thou hast blessed each to fulfil the high and special purposes of his calling, and we thank thee for the progress of thy work accomplished under the direction of each president. We are

assured, our Father, that thou hast accorded to each the high place in the councils of the Most High.

We thank thee, O Lord, for thy servant, the present president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, David O. McKay. We are grateful for the teachings and example of his life. We thank thee for his effective, untiring efforts to promote thy cause throughout the world. We thank thee for his vision and his courage to go ever forward in building and strengthening the Church at home and abroad. We thank thee that he has the satisfaction of seeing one of the many projects he has fostered going forward to completion, and all of us here assembled, his brethren and sisters and friends, unite in earnest and heartfelt prayer that he, our beloved President, may be preserved to witness the completion of this holy temple and dedicate it to thee.

For the Tithes

We thank thee for the tithes of the faithful throughout the whole Church which have made this building possible, for the skills and service of the designers of the plans and the artisans who have executed the work. We thank thee for the cooperation accorded by public authorities in discharge of official responsibilities concerning this structure. Bless them, our Father, for their understanding and goodwill.

And now, our Father, midway in the process of construction we pause for this sacred ceremony, and officially and reverently we this day lay the corner-stone of the temple to signify our deep gratitude for that which has been accomplished, and our firm resolution, with thy divine aid, to complete this noble structure, and as thy servants, holding the

Holy Priesthood, we devote, consecrate and dedicate this corner-stone with all that it represents and typifies, and these ceremonies unto thee, as an offering from thy grateful people.

We pray thee to accept this offering and in thy providence to bring about the completion of this holy temple. As thou hast done in the past, continue to pour out thy blessings upon those who labour and contribute to the consummation of this work. Let the progress of construction go forward without undue or serious interruption. Bless all the workmen, the artisans, the artists, the architects, the draughtsmen and the supervisors, with an increased measure of devotion and skill in the execution of their assigned functions. May each one be imbued with the realisation of the importance of his work, and that he serves in the interest of a great and holy cause.

For the Missionaries

We bring before thee, our Father, the devotion of the members of thy Church in the missions to be served by this temple. We thank thee for the mission presidencies, the presidents of branches, and all other officials of the Church who are engaged in the establishment of thy great work among the people. We thank thee for the faithfulness of thy Saints, who have undergone many trials and remain true to their testimonies and their allegiance to thee. In thy mercy, our Father, remember them. Protect them and guide them with the influence of thy Holy Spirit. Rebuke any spirit of dissension that may arise among them. Give them health, happiness and prosperity, and great love one for another, and for thee.

And now, our Father, we offer a special prayer unto thee that during the course of construction and thereafter this holy temple erected to thy name may constitute a great and powerful missionary force in the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord among the children of men. Standing amid the lofty mountains of this traditional land of freedom, may it be accounted as a monument to liberty, freedom to worship, freedom to speak, freedom to assemble, and freedom of conscience. And may it be an oracle in the proclamation of the divine principles which underlie these precious freedoms.

All Who Come

Grant, O Lord, that those who come here, or who are otherwise attracted to this project, may be susceptible to the vital and transcendently beautiful principles of life given to the world in the Restored Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

May they yield themselves without prejudice to the impressions of thy Holy Spirit, and in humility come to an understanding of man, thy Son, his beginning, his probation in mortality, and his eternal destiny. And may those who minister here, representing thee and thy work, be inspired in the presentation of these divine principles with clarity and the conviction of testimony.

We pray, O Father, that as men may come to admire the symmetry and beauty of this structure they may more deeply and fully appreciate its meaning and significance in the living of life, and in the attainment of the highest exaltation thou hast vouchsafed to thy children.

These high purposes for this noble structure, we lay before thee, our Father. If it be thy will, may they come to pass, we humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

The schedule of district conferences for the spring of 1955 is as follows:

February 27th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Servicemen
March 13th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool
March 20th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Leeds
March 27th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ireland and Nottingham
April 3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bristol
April 10th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Norwich
April 17th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sheffield and Newcastle
April 24th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Manchester and Birmingham
May 1st	-	-	-	-	-	-	Scotland
May 8th	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wales
May 15th	-	-	-	-	-	-	London
May 22nd	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hull

The Bible speaks of the Book of Mormon and the Book of Mormon speaks of the Bible

THE interests of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ were not limited to the people, Jews and Gentiles; whom He met and taught in the Holy Land. He Himself, said:

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:14-16.

He also spoke to the "other sheep" and identified them as those of whom he had spoken:

"And verily, I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I said: Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

"And they understood me not, for they supposed it had been the Gentiles; for they understood not that the Gentiles should be converted through their preaching." 3 Nephi 15:21-22.

In the 22 verse the pronouns "they" and "their" refer to His disciples in the Holy Land.

Lehi and his descendants, whose experiences with the Church and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ the Book of Mormon tells, were of the House of Israel, and of the

lineage of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt:

"And it came to pass that my father, Lehi, also found upon the plates of brass a genealogy of his fathers; wherefore he knew that he was a descendant of Joseph; yea, even that Joseph who was the son of Jacob, who was sold into Egypt, and who was preserved by the hand of the Lord, that he might preserve his father, Jacob, and all his household from perishing with famine." 1 Nephi 5:14.

Jacob, the patriarch, founder of the House of Israel, called together his sons to tell them what "shall befall them in the last days".

"And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." Genesis 49:1.

His son, Joseph, one of whose descendants, or "branches", was Lehi, whose family and colony "ran over the (sea) wall" and became a "fruitful bough", was told:

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Genesis 49:22.

"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." Genesis 49:26.

The blessings of "my (Jacob's) progenitors" (Abraham, Jacob's grandfather, and Isaac, his father) were blessings of abundance, of leadership, and dominion over others and their responsibilities. See Genesis 27:28, 29, and 37; also Genesis 28:1, 3, 4; and most important of all the blessings and responsibilities of the great covenant of the Lord with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. See Genesis 12:1-4; 17:1-8; 22:16-18; As to Isaac's blessings see Genesis 26:3-5; As to Jacob's blessings see Genesis 35:10-12.

These "blessings" of Jacob's progenitors "shall be upon the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him (Joseph) that was separated from his brethren" (when he was sold into Egypt) as his descendant, Lehi and his colony, were separated from their brethren and sailed to the promised land "of everlasting hills" in the western hemisphere. Read the Book of Mormon for the amazing details of the fulfilment of this great patriarchal blessing.

The Book of Mormon refers to the Bible as "the book that proceedeth forth from the mouth of a Jew". In the following, note what "the book" contains and note also that "precious things have been taken out of the book", with the result that "many do stumble".

"And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the plainness of the gospel of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God.

"Wherefore, these things go

forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God. . . .

"And after these plain and precious things were taken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles; and after it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles, yea, even across the many waters which thou has seen with the Gentiles which have gone forth out of captivity, thou seest—because of the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the book, which were plain unto the understanding of the children of men, according to the plainness which is in the Lamb of God—because of these things which are taken away out of the gospel of the Lamb, an exceeding great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them." 1 Nephi. 13:24-25, 29.

In the following words the purpose of the Book of Mormon and its relation to the Bible is stated:

"And the angel spake unto me, saying: These last records, which thou hast seen among the Gentiles, shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues, and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Saviour of the world; and that all men must come unto him, or they cannot be saved." 1 Nephi 13:40.

As you read the Book of Mormon note and mark every reference to "the Lamb of God, the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Saviour of the world" as well as all related references such as the "Messiah", the "Redeemer", the "Christ",

and "Jesus", and you will fully understand why the title page of the Book of Mormon declares that the Book "is for the convincing of the Jew and the Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations."

The unity and merger of purpose of the Bible and the Book of Mormon are declared in 2 Nephi 3:12:

"Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord."

The harmony of purpose of the Book of Mormon and the Bible is further emphasised in:

"Therefore repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus, and lay hold upon the gospel of Christ, which shall be set before you, not only in this record but also in the record which shall come unto the Gentiles from the Jews, which record shall come from the Gentiles unto you.

"For behold, this is written for the intent that ye may believe that; and if ye believe that ye will believe this also; and if ye believe this ye will know concerning your fathers, and also the marvellous works which were wrought by the power of God among them." Mormon 7:8-9.

The prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament declares the word of the Lord confirming the writing of two

records—one "for Judah, and the children of Israel his companions," (the Bible), and the other "For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions" (the Book of Mormon).

"The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

"And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

"And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

"Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

"And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:" Ezekiel 37:15-21.

The Latter-day Saints fulfil this prophecy by using the Bible and the Book of Mormon together as companion volumes—"one in mine hand"—to make clear the whole word of the Lord to the world and they proclaim the fullness of the everlasting gospel to be restored.

Isaiah foresaw the coming forth of a "marvellous work and a wonder", which the Latter-day Saints submit is the restoration of the Gospel which includes the Book of Mormon. He also described how it would be received by the "learned", and by the humble, who are "not learned".

"Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

"For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

"And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." Isaiah 29:9-14.

Note the Lord's declaration about "this people" who "draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me,"

"And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the

eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." Isaiah 29:18.

The Lord Jesus quoted this declaration of Isaiah and applied it in Matthew 15:7-9, and again when He spoke to Joseph Smith. (See the writings of Joseph Smith 2:19.)

The state of the "wisdom of their wise men" of the world today and "the understanding of their prudent men" with relation to the Book of Mormon and the restoration of the Gospel is well described by Isaiah in the 24th verse:

"They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine."

Now is the time to read the account of the fulfillment of a portion of the foregoing prophecy of Isaiah:

"I went to the city of New York, and presented the characters which had been translated, with the translation thereof, to Professor Charles Anthon, a gentleman celebrated for his literary attainments. Professor Anthon stated that the translation was correct, more so than any he had before seen translated from the Egyptian. I then showed him those which were not yet translated, and he said that they were Egyptian-Chaldaic, Assyriac, and Arabic; and he said they were true characters. He gave me a certificate, certifying of the people of Palmyra that they were true characters, and that the translation of such of them as had been translated was also correct. I took the certificate and put it back into my pocket, and was just leaving the house, when Mr. Anthon called me back, and asked me how the young man found out that there were gold plates in the place where he found them. I

answered that an angel of God had revealed it unto him.

"He then said to me, 'Let me see that certificate.' I accordingly took it out of my pocket and gave it to him, when he took it and tore it to pieces, saying that there was no such thing now as ministering of angels, and that if I would bring the plates to him he would translate them. I informed him that part of the plates were sealed, and that I was forbidden to bring them. He replied, 'I cannot read a sealed book.' I left him and went to Dr. Mitchell, who sanctioned what Professor Anthon had said respecting both the characters and the translation."

Whoever in honesty of heart desires to know for himself whether

or not the Book of Mormon be true is advised to read it with this promise constantly in mind:

"And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost." Moroni 10:4.

It is this promise which (among other factors) puts the Book of Mormon in a class by itself. Tens of thousands of people have read it relying upon this promise and their testimonies are unanimous that it is truly the Word of God.

Tabernacle Choir Schedules Concerts in Gt. Britain

1955 ushers in excitement for the Saints of Great Britain as they realise they will shortly be visited by the famed Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir. Preparations are speedily taking shape for the coming attraction.

Arrangements for choir concerts were made by Warren Jack Thomas, tour manager of the Choir, on his visit to Europe in November. Three concerts have been arranged for the Saints and friends in Great Britain.

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, noted for its record-making continuous nation-wide radio broadcasts for 25 years in America, is scheduled to arrive on Friday, August 19th, 1955, aboard the *Saxonia* at Greenock, Scotland.

Scheduled concerts in Great Britain are at:

Glasgow, Scotland—Kelvin Hall, Friday, August 19th

London, England—Royal Albert Hall, Sunday, August 28th

Cardiff, Wales—Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Wednesday, August 31st

Saints are urged to make early preparations for the concerts and to invite friends and relatives to the historic event.



The Mormon temple in Cardston is a proud structure with a type of architecture which will always be modern. In the foreground is a cairn which pays tribute to the first Mormons who arrived in 1887.

Canada's Great White Temple

by C. Frank Steele

AT the cross-roads of the Empire in the south-western corner of the province of Alberta this striking edifice stands—the Great White Temple of the plains. Built of native granite and marble it has been for many years now a monument to the strength, the faith and permanency of the Church in Canada and the only temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Commonwealth. As such it has been unique among the eight temples in the church.

Although the saints in the British Mission will soon have their own temple in which to receive the blessings of the House of the Lord, there have been many from the “Heart of Empire” who have joined in the sacred ordinances at the Alberta Temple in Cardston with their brethren and sisters from the stakes and missions in Canada and visitors from adjacent areas in the United States.

It was in the year 1887 that Cardston was founded by President Charles Ora Card of the then Cache Stake of Zion in Utah. He was called to this mission to Canada by British-born John Taylor, then president of the church. The first service of worship held by the pioneers was in a tent on the banks of Lee’s Creek. They were in a strange, new land but the high Rockies to the west reminded them of their Utah home. And their hearts rejoiced that day for it was prophesied that a temple would be built in this new prairie land. That prophesy was fulfilled years later.

The ground for the Alberta Temple was broken November 5th, 1913, the cornerstone was laid September 19th, 1915, and the capstone September 27th, 1917. The Temple

was dedicated August 26th, 1923, by the late President Heber J. Grant. Practically all the general authorities of the Church were present for the services of rejoicing and blessing that lasted most of a week. Cardston became the “head-quarters” of the Church that week and a new era of growth, materially and spiritually, was ushered in for the saints of God in Canada.

On either side of the main entrance to the temple a poem from the pen of the “Mormon Milton”, the late Orson F. Whitney of the Council of the Twelve, appears on bronze tablets. Those profound lines reflect the sacred nature and purpose of the temple and in fact the spirit of temple work throughout the Church:

Hearts must be pure to come within
these walls,
Where spreads a feast unknown to
festive halls;
Freely partake, for freely God hath
given,
And taste the holy joys that tell of
heaven.

Here learn of Him who triumphed
o’er the grave,
And unto men the keys, the King-
dom gave :
Joined here by powers that past and
present bind,
The living and the dead perfection
find.

As plans mature for the British Temple near London the first president of the Alberta Temple, the venerable and beloved Patriarch Edward J. Wood, and the present president, Elder Willard Smith, send greetings to the Saints in Great Britain. The Saints in Canada rejoice in the blessing of a projected temple and all that it means to the people of Britain. Their hearts are with you, as are their prayers, in

this epic step in the long history of the Church in the Motherland.

President Wood relates many manifestations of the Spirit of the Lord that have come to the faithful Saints in the temple at Cardston confirming the sacred work of the temples, its acceptance by the Lord and the nearness of the Spirit World, as he reverently puts it. In sending a message to the Saints in Britain, the land of his fathers, President Wood tells of an impressive experience in the temple during the visit of a large party from the North-western States Mission.

He relates that among the visitors was a sister from the mission who was there to have her deceased husband sealed to her and their two living daughters, there with her, sealed to them in their family unit. She had given the necessary records to the temple recorder and proceeded to the sealing room of the temple.

"I was doing most of the sealings that day in the temple, and when all was in readiness for the sacred ordinance we proceeded. The husband was first sealed to his wife, one of the elders standing as proxy,

and then we had the two daughters kneel at the altar to be sealed to their parents. At this point, to my great surprise, I heard a voice saying: 'I am her daughter, also'.

"I then asked the mother if she had any other children and her eyes filled with tears as she replied: 'Yes, I had another child who died in her early life'. Then, the voice came again to me, saying: 'I am her daughter'. I turned to the mother, then in tears of joy, and asked her to give the recorder the required data for her deceased daughter and we would attend to the sealing later.

"The appointed session was thronged with friends and with a spirit present that we shall never forget, not two but three daughters were sealed that day to their parents. All present sang 'We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet' while the family group, including the missionary sister as proxy, knelt at the altar."

And so it is that in these buildings dedicated to the Lord, these sacred contracts are entered into and sealed in the authority of the Holy Priesthood.

Canadian Reunion

The British Mission Organisation in the four Canadian stakes held a reunion at the Taylor Stake Tabernacle at Raymond a short time ago. About 100 former missionaries, saints, and other guests were present at the successful gathering.

Elder Douglas Clarke, formerly of the Scottish District, was re-elected president. Films of England and Wales with shots of the temple site were shown by President Stringham, British Mission Presidency, and Elder Donald V. Steele (formerly president of the Welsh District). One present recalled the time when Pres. Charles W. Penrose served as British Mission President. Brother and Sister S. R. Wright of Lethbridge, who left Doncaster 50 years ago, marked their 67th wedding anniversary.

Greetings were received by the group from former president Hugh B. Brown and President Reiser.

Of Interest . . .

President McKay Receives Royal Award

PRESIDENT David O. McKay was awarded the Cross of Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix, second highest award bestowed by the King of Greece, recently at ceremonies held in Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. John Tzounis, Greek Consul from San Francisco, acted for King Paul of the Hellenes when he bestowed the honour upon the Church leader.

At the presentation the Consul said of President McKay:

"As we all know, the purpose of this gathering is to pay tribute, within our own limited means, to a man who, having chosen as his field one of the greatest instrumentalities of public service, has devoted his whole life to the noble search for better and higher educational and moral standards for his fellow men. A person who can truly be considered as a blazer of new trails and a preacher of new gospels."

Tribute was also given to the Church for its aid to the people of Greece during the 1953 earthquakes in the Ionian Islands when Mr. Tzounis said:

"It is no secret, and I am thankful for this opportunity to stress the fact publicly, that the contribution of the Mormon Church was the

greatest single contribution to the relief fund, not only in the United States, but the whole world over.

"For the material assistance we are grateful. But we are even more appreciative of the thought behind the deed. For in the hour of disaster we felt the heart-warming breath of friendship. We saw humanity in action, prompted not by calculated expediency, but practiced in the confidence of liberality."

President McKay accepted the decoration on behalf of the Church and the Welfare Department and said: "I am but a representative of the members of the Church. It is most significant that a nation pauses to express appreciation for an act of service rendered by the Mormon Church."

Compensations sometimes result from a calamity explained President McKay. The Greek earthquakes "gave the Church an opportunity to express in a slight degree some of the principles and purposes of its organisation".

"It gave the Church an opportunity to render service to mankind, to build new friendships, and to foster better understanding between the people of Greece and the people of Utah."

LDS Rugby Star at Oxford

V. M. W. JONES, Latter-day Saint Rhodes Scholar attending Oxford University was the first

American ever to score a goal in Rugby at the home of the game, Twickenham. Elder Jones lives

with his mother, Mrs. Lydia N. Jones, at Oxford. His father, now dead, was the first president of the Long Beach Stake in California.

Reuters reported the event as follows:

TWICKENHAM, England. November 20 (Reuters)—An American student at Oxford University, who learned his blocks and tackles in the United States, today scored

the equivalent of a touchdown in an English Rugby Union football game for Oxford University.

V. M. W. Jones, who attended Dartmouth and Stanford, made one of the two goals for Oxford as they downed the Harlequins team, 13-0.

It was the first goal scored by an American at the home of the game.

British Mission Leads Foreign Missions in Instructor Sales

THE British Mission leads all foreign missions in the percentages of *The Instructor* with 262 subscriptions out of a staff of 441, 59 per cent. Other missions having a higher percentage are the Canadian, North-western States, Great Lakes,

North Central States, and the Californian.

November's Orchid of the month was awarded to the British Mission for having the highest percentage increase in Instructor subscriptions—an increase of 27 per cent.

Ninety-three-year-old British Emigrant—J. Hatten Carpenter

J. HATTEN CARPENTER, 93, was born near London and now serves as South Sanpete Stake Patriarch. The following article was printed concerning him in the *Deseret News*.

MANTI.—A search for a fortune that led a young British immigrant around the world concluded with his finding the "Pearl of Great Price" instead of gold when he was baptized a member of the Church in the front of the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City just before the turn of the century.

Elder J. Hatten Carpenter, recently released as recorder of the Manti Temple has devoted his life and fortune since then seeking data and having the work done for 30,000 of his ancestors. He is patriarch of South Sanpete Stake.

Born April 4th, 1861, near London, his father, a Congregational minister, and his mother, were in the well-to-do middle class. This allowed the sons to be schooled in a private institution for the sons of ministers.

Elder Carpenter gained a knowledge of German, French, Latin and Spanish, which later, he found indispensable to his Genealogical searchings. Following his schooling, he toured the continent prior to settling down to a job.

Stirred by a deep unrest he journeyed to Western Australia where he intended to engage in ostrich farming. In Australia he heard of the California Gold Rush and decided America would be the place to seek his fortune.

Finds Pearl

Aboard the ship bound for the United States, he met Mormon missionaries who preached the Gospel to him, and it was here that he found the Pearl of Great Price, instead of gold. He went directly to the old Endowment House, where he was baptized.

Soon after the birth of his first child in 1890, he responded to a call to serve in the then two-year-old Samoan Mission. He was a pioneer in preaching the Gospel there. His own words best describe this experience:

"When I landed in Samoa in September, 1890, I heard the strange language of the natives. I wondered when I could translate those sounds into intelligent words. When I had been on the Islands three months I went with Elder E. J. Wood to the home of a Church member. A local preacher was there conversing with the native and the Elder. All of a sudden I could understand what was being said. The Elder was perplexed and I experienced the 'gift of tongues' in order to assist him in propounding the Gospel."

French Missionary Dies

ELDER Harold G. Lee, son of President and Mrs. Harold W. Lee (President of the French Mission) died of a heart attack while serving as a missionary in the French Mission.

Elder Lee collapsed November 22nd, in Angouleme, France. Funeral services were held in Provo Ninth Ward Chapel, Wednesday, December 1st, 1954. He was born June 26th, 1935, at Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and in 1937 he

Left Alone

When he had been in the islands but six months, enemies of the Church threatened to burn the homes of the Saints. With his "scant knowledge" of the language, he could not carry on a continued conversation, "Yet", he says, "I was left alone after Elder Wood had been sent elsewhere, and I was supposed to preach twice on Sunday and once on Thursday and to teach the Gospel, and was opposed by the rest of the village.

"The Lord came to my aid. The head chief of the district came to the Sunday meetings and protected us. I would arise and for 20 minutes or so would preach. I enjoyed the gift of tongues and spoke to them as I thought in my own language and they understood it in theirs. I enjoyed this gift of the priesthood for five weeks. When Elder Wood returned and took charge, I lapsed into my former condition of paucity of language and had to study and learn in the former and usual way."

moved to Provo where his father was chairman of the department of Modern and Classical Language at Brigham Young University. He was ordained an elder by Elder Moyle and became a full-term missionary shortly after January, 1954.

President and Sister Lee flew to Provo for the funeral and returned to the mission field a few days after.

Elder Lee is the nephew of Dr. Grant W. Lee, present British missionary.

Primaries' Progress



Birmingham District is making great strides in Primary work. Birmingham Branch has six active Primaries and four new Primaries have been opened during the last 18 months in the district. Attendances average approximately 250 per month, about 50 of which are visitors. Five hundred children were contacted during one peak month. Four baptisms resulted during the past year through the Primary's proselyting influence.

President Richard L. Devey, Birmingham District President, and Frank E. Bailey, Birmingham Branch President (back row, 7th and 8th from left respectively), are justly proud of the wonderful work being done by the Primaries of the district.

District Supervisor, Sister Peggy Moorhouse (5th from left, front row) and Sister Gwendel Burgess (on her right) are also Mission Primary Board members. and are shown surrounded by other Primary workers of the district, including the following Primary mothers:

(Reading from left to right, front row)—Sisters Jean Bayliss (Tile Cross), Beryl Jones (Wolverhampton), Martha Bradley (Kidderminster), Gwendel Burgess (Blakenhale and Outmore Road), Peggy Moorhouse (Supervisor), Evelyn Hunt (Handsworth), Florence Blackman (King's Heath), Joan Woodward (Rugby), Kathleen Coleman (Worcester), and Winifred Jones (Kingstanding), immediately behind Sister Moorhouse.

BRITISH MISSION

Norwich

Forty people attended a social sponsored by the Priesthood of the *Norwich Branch*, in their chapel schoolroom on Saturday, November 20th. £6 was raised from the sale of garden produce, including farm butter and home-made cheeses. Refreshments prepared by the Priesthood were given and donations received. The proceeds will be devoted to the Sunday School Christmas party and lesson books.

Ipswich Branch M.I.A. held a Hallowe'en social on October 27th. The usual fun and games were supplemented with a competition for the best "Jack o'Lantern" and the prize was won by Sister Layton with Brother J. Packe second.

On Saturday, November 22nd, 22 members of the Ipswich Branch travelled over to Lowestoft where they enjoyed an evening dancing.

Nottingham

With the local school gymnasium decorated like a Utah County Barn, a very successful Barn Dance was held by the *Nottingham District* M.I.A. Bales of straw, barrels and "western" drawings added atmosphere and original setting for the square dancing. The Callers were an "Indian" from the "tribe of Creer" and a "cowhand" from the Cuthbert ranch. The fabulous "Bunny-hop" was introduced and enjoyed a warm reception. Sister Joyce Bowler was responsible for the occasion, which everyone voted a great triumph.

In *Derby* the first recorded Welfare effort has resulted in the storage of several varieties of canned goods. Brother Taylor is the Welfare Chairman of the Branch.

Loughborough Branch Sunday School has been re-organised with Brother Wilford Bilby as Superintendent.

In the *Leicester Branch* the Annual Relief Society Bazaar, held on November 20th, was opened by Sister Elizabeth Vice, on her 92nd birthday. Every heart was touched as this grand old sister recited poems by heart that she had learned in her childhood. Over 100 people came and milled around the stalls and almost everything was disposed of in less than two hours, resulting in an income of £27. A social followed and refreshments brought in a little more cash to the worthy coffers.

Liverpool

The District reports success with the holding of Public Speaking and Training Classes in several branches, under the direction of Dr. Grant W. Lee. Much enthusiasm and interest has been shown and it is hoped that results will be felt soon throughout the district.

The *Liverpool* Fireside Group is making progressive strides. Average attendance is around 30 and the discussions are under the direction of Sister Winefred Stevens.

Scottish

In the *Glasgow Branch* on October 2nd, a Welfare Dinner was held

with an entertainment following. It was well attended and well planned by the Glasgow Branch Presidency. Two plays were presented. The first, "Go to Jericho" in which Sisters Grace Herbertson, Margaret Hamilton, Jean Stevens, Doreen Birrell and Ethel Hosie took part. The second was "Gibbie's Proposal", and the parts were played by Brothers David Porch, Archibald Richardson and Sisters Mary Wishart and H. McKinlay. Brother Hamilton and Sister McKinlay also did individual numbers while President Robert Bennett acted as Com-père.

London

Brighton Branch held a Hallowe'en Social and Dance on Saturday, October 30th. A record number of friends and members, totalling 95, attended. A really enjoyable time was had by all present and full marks must go to Brother W. E. Mitchell and his M.I.A. for the programme and hall decorations. Music was provided by Ralph Walton with his accordion. Proceeds went to the Welfare Fund and the Children's Christmas Party fund.

Hull

A successful Bazaar was held in the *Grimsby Branch*, under the direction of the Relief Society, on November 28th. The proceeds were devoted to the purchase of new curtains for the Branch Chapel.

York held their half-yearly Bazaar on December 4th. Five stalls bore a variety of goods for sale of which, perhaps, the outstanding were those made by the Primary children.

Newcastle

A Bazaar was held in the *Sunder-*

land Branch on November 27th. The £33 raised was devoted to the Building Fund.

To climax the Budget Events of the year the male members of the *Sunderland Branch* entertained the females. A dinner was provided and was followed by several items by the brethren, Brothers Edmund Walton, Brother James Walton, Fred Oates and Ford. The 50 people present were very appreciative.

Newcastle District Gold and Green Ball was held at West Hartlepool on November 20th. Members displayed their talents during the intermission and the M.I.A. Trophies were presented to the winning branches.

Bristol

Bournemouth Branch reports a "Sizzling" time at their Bonfire Party held on November 5th.

The Relief Society has completed a Bedspread Project in which many hands took part.

Plymouth Branch continues to be a hive of activity as it prepares the newly-acquired premises for use as a chapel.

Stroud Branch turned out in grand style for a farewell social held in honour of Brother Gerald Lewis and Family, and for Louis and Mafwana Kelsch, on November 20th. All are returning to the U.S.A. soon. Entertainment was provided by the Fairford Servicemen's Group.

Bristol Branch reports a month of achievement by the Sisters of the Relief Society. In addition to their Bazaar, which raised a goodly sum, they fed a large number of people at a Thanksgiving Dinner not soon to be forgotten.



The Elders of the Bristol District met Bristol University basketball team in a match on November 26th and were victorious by a score of 62-56. Bristol University is the acknowledged champion of the Southern Division of the University League.



Elders and sisters of the Welsh and Bristol Districts met together for a Thanksgiving Day of feasting, song, game, and a testimonial meeting.

Personals

Engagement

Easton - Milligan. Sister Elizabeth Easton and Brother Maxwell Milligan of the Glasgow Branch announced their engagement on December 25th. Sister Easton

arrived in Scotland, October 25th, from serving as a missionary in the Liverpool and Bristol Districts. Brother Milligan was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church on October 16th, 1954.

Of Primary Importance to Teachers

MANY years ago a Dutch physician residing in the Dutch East Indies fed polished rice to chickens and after a few days watched them go into convulsions and die. He noticed that many human beings who were living on polished rice died in a similar manner. After this experiment he made known to the world that to maintain life the body needs a tiny chemical substance called Vitamin B. It is a familiar story that sailors who had no fresh fruit or vegetables became ill of scurvy; that children who lacked vitamin D developed bow-legs and often misshapen ribs and jaw-bones. Everyone knows the way to cure anaemia is to administer an adequate supply of iron. Yet only recently have we begun to understand that our personalities also have definite needs which if not met, produce deformities of behaviour just as surely as the lack of proper vitamins and minerals produce physical deformities and maladies. Just as the child's body has need for certain physical foods so his personality has certain hungers which must be satisfied if he is to behave well. If the physical need for vitamin D is not met, the individual cannot prevent rickets merely by willing to do so, nor can he prevent certain forms of bad behaviour when his personality needs are ignored. To meet these needs wisely is to close the barn door before the horse is out. Our purpose as Primary teachers is to help the child to satisfy these needs

in a legitimate, wholesome way.

Men who have studied human nature tell us what some of the child's basic needs are. We will attempt to point out some of these needs. The list is not necessarily all inclusive but if it causes teachers to approach their teaching problems from this more reasonable angle and to think and read of other needs, it has accomplished its purpose.

Need for Security or Love. Every individual needs to feel he is loved and wanted—that someone finds him worthwhile. He needs to be sure there are certain people whose affection for him can be relied upon. Many children are lacking this feeling of security which comes from knowing someone loves them and consequently their behaviour is greatly affected. Each of us has at some time been in the presence of someone who was very cold or antagonistic towards us and has said later, "I couldn't be my natural self around him". Nor can the child be his best self when he is constantly surrounded by those who fail to satisfy this very deep-seated need. The need for love and security is one of the most essential of all the needs. The less a child receives from other sources, the more the Primary teacher should give him. He should be made to feel his teacher is interested in him and understands him. Unquestionably many of our discipline problems arise because we fail to do this.

Need to be recognised by the group. Everyone who has had experience with children is aware that it is extremely important to his happiness for the child to be approved and liked by other children of his own age. Two eminent educators tell us, "Much of the misbehaviour which annoys teachers arises from the efforts of pupils to secure recognition and approval through some antic or caper which interferes with the work on hand". Each child needs urgently to feel he belongs to the group of children his own age in Primary. If all the other boys wear long trousers, the boy who is forced to wear short trousers is often most unhappy. Children desire to feel a sense of "oneness" with the group. Primary teachers should help every child to gain the recognition and approval so essential to his happiness.

Need for success and achievement. For the health of his personality each child needs to succeed. He needs to feel he has done something to merit approval. He needs to succeed frequently to be free of the "deadening sense of inferiority

which gnaws away steadily". Every child can achieve some success even though it be in a small way, and the Primary should help him succeed in his Primary work.

Need for activity. Certainly one of the distinguishing marks of a normal child is his incessant activity. His nature just demands that he explore the world into which he has come. He hates to sit still. He is curious about whatever he sees. He often takes things apart to see what makes them go. This insatiable curiosity is the very basis of learning, yet we often are impatient with it because we have ceased to grow mentally. Children also have a strong urge to try out their bodies—to run, skip, jump and dance—to use their hands in various ways. Just as fish have to swim, birds have to fly, so must children exercise their voices, their limbs, their mental machinery. It is very easy for us to say we know these things to be true but most difficult for us to take them into account when we are teaching children, but we must do so if we are to succeed as teachers.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Social Science Lesson

Text: "The Signs of the Times", pp 72-78.

Lesson 11. "The Predicted Judgments".

Aim: Through diligent study of predicted judgments, we are convinced of the necessity of preaching the gospel to all mankind.

WHEN the Saviour met with His disciples shortly before His crucifixion they asked Him a great many questions about His second coming and the destruction

of Jerusalem; and after explaining to them that Jerusalem would be destroyed, the temple would be torn down, not one stone left upon another, He said: "And again this

Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked." (P. of G. P. p. 44.)

One of the ancient prophets stated, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing until He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Now, this is not the way it reads in the King James version, but it is the way it ought to read and it is the way the prophet has given it.

It would not be reasonable for the Lord, according to His justice and His wisdom, to bring destruction upon the people of the earth without offering them some means of escape, and that escape is through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If the people of the earth had listened to the testimony of the Elders of the Church, these calamities today would not be upon the earth.

A Proclamation

In the preface to the Doctrine and Covenants we have a proclamation given by our Lord, first to the Church and then to the world. He says: "Hearken, O ye people of My church, saith the voice of Him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

"For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated.

Press and Radio

Then, again, we have the privilege occasionally of using the Press. We have had the telephone. We have had the telegraph, and in more

recent years we have had the radio and twice a year or more, we get a chance to give our message to the world on the Church of the Air. Every week our Tabernacle Choir is broadcasting. Don't you think it is preaching the Gospel? I think it is.

Just what the Lord is going to expect in regard to the fulfilling of this prediction that the Gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness I am not prepared to say, but I do know that He is using many agencies to bring to pass His prophecies, so this will suffice so far as the messages of the missionaries are concerned.

"And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed.

"And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of My disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days." (D. and C. 1:1-4.)

World Condemned

In rejecting the testimony of the Elders of Israel condemnation has come upon the world. In Section 84, verses 74 and 75, the Lord says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, they who believe not on your words, and are not baptized in water in My name, for the remission of their sins, that they may receive the Holy Ghost, shall be damned, and shall not come into My Father's kingdom where My Father and I am.

"And this revelation unto you, and commandment, is in force from this very hour upon all the world, and the gospel is unto all who have not received it."

In Section 88, verses 80 to 82, I find this: "That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send

you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you.

“Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbour.

“Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads.”

Responsibility Placed

So the Lord not only sends out His messengers to preach the Gospel, but He has placed the responsibility upon every soul who hears that testimony, not only to believe it and receive it but to go with that message and warn his neighbour. It would not take very long if the people of the world would do that before every soul upon the face of the earth would hear the Gospel message; and when they refuse to hear the Gospel and they refuse to take it to their neighbours, they stand condemned before the judgment seat of God, according to that which I have read to you.

The Lord says in this very same Section, verse 73, “Behold, I will hasten My work in its time.”

Again in another revelation, Section 52, verse 11, “For thus saith the Lord, I will cut My work short in righteousness, for the days come that I will send forth judgment unto victory.”

Maybe I have a wrong idea and maybe other members of the Church have incorrect ideas in regard to the preaching of the Gospel. The Lord said it should be declared to every creature. In the passage that I have already quoted to you, the Lord said this Gospel should again be preached in all the world as a witness. How is that Gospel

being preached? Are we depending solely upon the missionaries of this Church to carry this message of salvation to the people of the world? If so, it would take us 2,000 or 3,000 years at the rate our missionaries are going from door to door, delivering their literature and doing as they have been doing for 100 years, for them to reach all the people.

Small in Numbers

Insofar as numbers are concerned we are insignificant. We have kept out in the mission field about 2,000 missionaries. What are 2,000 missionaries among the billions of humanity? Not very much. So, if the Lord was dependent solely upon the missionaries, it would take a long time to get this message to all the world; but I think the Lord is using other means and has been using other means in order to help carry this message to the world. Some of us might have to modify what we have thought about the Gospel being preached. I remember here some years back in what we are pleased to call the Reed Smoot case. Reed Smoot was not on trial—it was the Church—and our brethren were called to Washington and had to testify, the Doctrine and Covenants and Book of Mormon were placed in evidence and the doctrines of the Church were telegraphed to every part of the world and many things were said in regard to the organization of the Church, Joseph Smith, his claim that angels came to him, that he saw the Father and the Son, and that he organized this Church by command of holy messengers that came from the presence of God, and all of that was put in the official record.

Don't you think the Lord was

doing something to get this message before the world in fulfillment of that prediction that the Gospel should be preached? I think so. People come to me sometimes and say, "Have we ever had missionaries in Russia?" Yes, but they did not do very much. "Have we ever had missionaries in China?" Yes, but they did not accomplish very much. "Have we ever had any in Spain?" I do not know, but every-

where in these countries people have heard of the Mormons. It is true a lot of things went out in the press in those days that were evil. The enemies of the Church got their words in, too, but nevertheless the attention of the world was called to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and its claim as having been established by the opening of the heavens and the coming of angels.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Reflections

"AND he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me." (Mark 9:36-37).

Many children in the world today need the love and kindness implied in these words, and every Sunday School teacher has the opportunity to help some child grow up to truly know the Saviour.

Some of us have so successfully left behind our childhood that we may become out of touch with children and forget how to approach them so we can share what we know of the gospel with them, and in return benefit from their simplicity and innocence.

It is a refining influence just to be with children—to talk about Jesus Christ and listen to their comments. No doubt many adults have been elevated in spirit through doing this—in a sense the teacher can learn as

much as the pupil.

To help guide a child to be the kind of adult who will not wish to harm any of God's creatures, but rather feel a sense of responsibility toward the afflicted and oppressed and a desire to help those in need, is a task which is a blessing in itself.

If we stay close to the Lord by the way we live, we shall always have something to give—some part of ourself that the gospel has helped us develop and which may be of use to another.

It is good to give where there is no hope of return, but when we know the Lord blesses us for each good act we do, it ill-becomes us if we do not give. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." (Matt. 13:44.)

All that we have is little enough to give for what the gospel of Jesus Christ can mean to us every day of

our lives. Sunday School gives us the opportunity to repay the Lord in some small measure by imparting

our knowledge to His children, that they may develop in the paths of righteousness.

M.I.A.

DEAR Brothers and Sisters of the M.I.A. :

As the time of re-dedication and resolution draws near, we feel that we can do no better than re-echo the words of our beloved Prophet, David O. McKay, uttered on Sunday morning, August 8th, to the assembled leaders of the M.I.A. in the famous Hollywood Bowl, when, among many wonderful things, he admonished those present to "be rigorous and tough with yourself and tender with others." Let's think this over together.

We all know that one of the greatest difficulties we have in life is learning to "get along"—to work together in harmony and co-operation—to unify and unite our efforts. Satan knows our personal weaknesses and makes mighty gains as he builds our pride, plays on our self-will, emphasises our desire for recognition, ambition, or our grasping natures. Thus he succeeds in stirring up friction and trouble for many who in their hearts are anxious to serve the cause of the Saviour—arch-enemy of Satan. If we give way to these weaknesses, we are playing right into Satan's hands. One can almost hear his fiendish chuckle.

So why do it? What do we care if someone forgets to mention OUR part, if the work was done and done well? What do we care if OUR idea wasn't used—perhaps the other was better anyway, at least we can try and think so. What do we care about any personal "peeve" as long as the work of the One we all serve is going forward in good order? A little self-discipline is in order for all of us—**BE TOUGH WITH YOURSELF.**

But remember also that you have a little quiet service to do for others. Let the momentary feeling of offence, or hurt pride, or whatever you didn't permit to take over in your case, teach you that you must make a greater effort to praise, recognise, love, and sustain those with whom you work. Spread serenity, faith and peace. Be insensitive for yourself, sensitive for others, critical of yourself, uncritical of your fellow workers, severe with yourself, kind with your associates. Be disciplined yourself, but lenient with your helpers. Be "tough with yourself, tender with others" in this great work of the M.I.A. If we can but try a little harder to make this aim a certainty, if we can spread the resulting joy, love and peace throughout all our M.I.A. meetings and beyond, then we can of a certainty say that the coming year will be a shining light set on a hill, and we shall have done our part in preparing the way for the Bridegroom who is to come.

Sincerely,

Your Brethren and Sisters of the Y.M. and
Y.W. Boards of the British Mission M.I.A.

Children's Page

by JEAN G. SILSBURY

JANE sighed and gazed around at her friends who were busily writing the essay Mrs. Simpson had assigned them. "Stupid subject", thought Jane. "Why New Year resolutions? I don't need to make any New Year resolutions."

The paper in front of her was neatly headed "Jane Turner—English", but apart from that it was quite blank.

"Get on with your work, Jane", said Mrs. Simpson, looking up from her desk.

Jane picked up her pen but within a minute or two she was looking out of the window at the snow flakes falling and she wondered if they would have another snowball fight after school. It had been such fun last night. Then a strange thing happened—the frost in the window formed itself into a picture.

There was the hill that they climbed each day to get to school and there were some little children running out of the school down the hill. Then Jane noticed these little children were being chased by some much bigger children who were pelting the youngsters with snowballs. Suddenly there was a shriek and one of the youngsters fell. The bigger children gathered round laughing loudly; not one offered

to help the little girl who had fallen.

"How unkind", thought Jane crossly. Then she suddenly remembered something. As she gazed more closely at the picture she recognised one of the little girls. It was she! Her cheeks went hot as she recalled how last night she and her friends had chased some of the little ones out of the school and down the hill.

"Oh, how could I be so mean?" Jane thought. "Those children were so much smaller than we and anyway we have much more fun playing snowballs by ourselves."

Slowly the picture faded and Jane sat very thoughtfully. Then before she knew it another picture formed itself on the window. This time she recognised the place more quickly for it was her home and there she was hurrying along the road. The street lights shone brightly because it was already quite late and there was her mother at the gate with a handkerchief in her hand as if she had been crying.

When she saw Jane coming along she waved but Jane was feeling cross and so took no notice.

"Where have you been?" asked Mrs. Turner when Jane reached the gate. "It's past 7 o'clock and you should have been home at four. I

was so worried I thought you had had an accident in the snow."

"Playing!" answered Jane rudely. "Now I want my tea. I'm hungry." Then she pushed past her mother and rushed indoors without another word.

Jane felt very miserable when she realised how naughty and rude she had been, and Mother was so relieved to see her home that she didn't even scold. "After all," thought Jane, "Mother never minds me playing after school so long as I ask her first and I shouldn't be rude to her just because I lost the snowball fight."

But before long there was another picture on the window. Well, she knew what that was—her own bedroom. There were the beds in which she and her sister Shirley slept, and there were their wardrobe and the chest.

Yes, there was Jane hurrying to get dressed. The hands of the clock pointed to five minutes to eight and by that time Jane should have been having her breakfast. As usual she had stayed in bed a few minutes too long and now she had to hurry or she would be late for school.

Jane squirmed as she remembered how she had been late that very morning and could not find

her hair ribbon. When her sister was not looking she had taken her's and rushed down to breakfast leaving Shirley searching in vain for the lost one.

"Oh dear!" thought Jane. "I let Shirley get all the blame for losing a ribbon when it was really mine that was lost."

"Jane Turner, please get on with your work." Mrs. Simpson's voice made Jane jump in her seat. Had she been dreaming? She wondered.

Quickly she picked up her pen. "My New Year Resolutions" she wrote.

"I will not chase younger children."

"I will not be rude to my mother."

"I will not be unkind to Shirley."

The ideas came so fast she scarcely had time to write them down. When the bell rang and Mrs. Simpson collected the papers, Jane had not had time to put down all the resolutions she was going to make.

That night she lay in bed thinking about the happenings of that day.

"How could I be so thoughtless?" she wondered. "I have so much to do to make up for all my unkindnesses. I'll start first thing tomorrow."



What a Wonderful Joy

"**M**EN are, that they might have joy" (2 Nephi 2:25) and the greatest joy that can come to a person comes from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For "this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent". (John 17:3). Not only does that joy radiate the person's own life but it brings happiness to all he comes in contact with. We print for you an excerpt from a letter written to President Reiser showing the deep satisfaction the Gospel brings to the honest and the desire that it might be shared.

"I feel rather ashamed that I haven't written sooner to thank you again for being so patient and considerate with me, when you talked with me about difficulties and doubts I had experienced. You helped me more than I can ever express. I also want to thank you very particularly for having offered me the great privilege of attending weekly "cottage meetings" with Elder Baddley. I feel I have learned more during the last five weeks concerning Church doctrine and principles than I had learned in the previous year. With this knowledge I feel a great responsibility and, for the first time, real humility. No one can discharge the full responsibility of a member of the Church if he has not realised

how much he must rely on God through prayer.

"I think the most wonderful Christmas present I could wish for anybody would be to give them a knowledge of the Gospel and a conviction of its truth. I think I can begin to understand a little of the great joy a missionary must feel when he has imparted this knowledge and testimony to an investigator.

"I feel my testimony and conviction much strengthened when I read the wonderful sermons of the General Authorities of the Church in the Improvement Era of this month. What marvellous news it is to hear of the success and courage of the missionaries all over the world. A knowledge of their endeavours makes one feel more keenly the individual obligations which we have to give this great joy to others.

"I can't describe in any words what a wonderful joy and sense of privilege I experience at this time. If I look back on my life it all seems worthless and trivial compared to what it might have been with a knowledge of the Gospel. However, the future lies ahead and every second is invaluable if I am to attempt to repay the debt I owe to the Church and to my Heavenly Father."

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS

<i>November 24th, 1954</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>
Elder Willard James Ballantyne	Orem, Utah	Hull
Elder Richard Thalmann Baker	Sacramento, California	Liverpool
Elder Ralph Junior Gines	Pleasant Grove, Utah	Newcastle
Elder Tracy Willes Tucker	Seattle, Washington	Hull
Elder Karl George Wood	Provo, Utah	Birmingham
Sister Rhea Mae Hatch	Boise, Idaho	Leeds

<i>Transfers</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Elder Lowell McClellan	Wales	London	November 15th
Elder Clarence McBride	Newcastle	Wales	November 25th

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October 10th, 1954
Violet Florence Lane of Ipswich

October 22nd, 1954
Margaret Elaine Corbisbley of Wythenshawe.

October 23rd, 1954
Ernest N. S. Cooper of Newcastle.
Gilbert Watson of Newcastle.
Christine Melanie Hunter of Darlington.
Jeanne McFarlin of Newcastle.
Joy Dunn of Eastwood.
Brian Martin of Eastwood.
Raymond Kenneth Elliott of Peterborough.
Allen Ester Elliott of Peterborough.

October 30th, 1954
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Frances Mary Macnee of Newcastle.
Rebecca Bell of Newcastle.
James Macnee of Newcastle.

October 31st, 1954
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Hannah Drabble of Hucknall.

Marion May Dawson of Loughborough.
Edward Dawson of Loughborough.
Russell Paul Cummings of Derby.

November 6th, 1954
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Cyril Wilson of Peterborough.
Alice Eileen Wilson of Peterborough.
Michael Andrew Cyril Wilson of Peterborough.
Marjorie Edith Mowbray of Peterborough.
Ethel May Saville of Peterborough.
Jacqueline Vera Saville of Peterborough.
Leslie H. E. Duffen of Norwich.
John Thomas Parlette of Norwich.

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November 8th, 1954
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Margaret Joan Bentley of Hull.

November 13th, 1954

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Isabel Ross Mitchell of Aberdeen.

November 20th, 1954

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Albert William Parsons of Barnsley.

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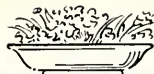
Julia Anne Turner of Chesterfield.

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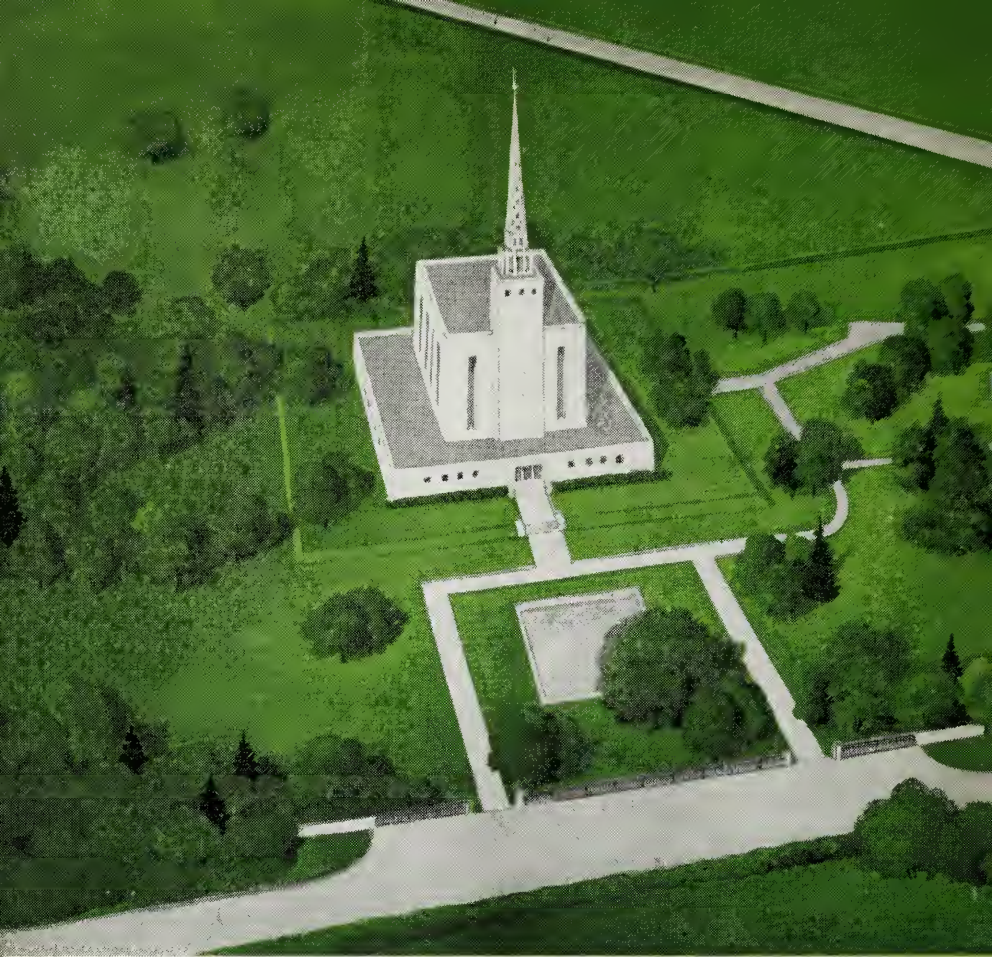
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